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MAR 04 2009*Patent Application Serial No. 10/523,402***AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An audio recording device which is provided with a microphone, and a USB connection terminal to connect to an external device, the audio recording device comprising:

a first casing having a front side and a rear side opposite the front side, and a second casing;

wherein a first end portion of the second casing is rotatably joined to a first end portion of the first casing, such that the second casing can be folded and stored on the rear side of the first casing;

wherein the microphone is located at a second end portion of the first casing opposite to the first end thereof;

wherein the USB connection terminal is protrudingly provided on a second end portion of the second casing opposite to the first end thereof;

wherein the position of the second casing can be fixed at predetermined angle intervals or at any angle with respect to the first casing; and

wherein the audio recording device can be placed with the second casing being in a downward-orientation functioning as a stand and the first casing tilting toward the USB connection terminal.

2. (currently amended): The audio recording device according to claim 1, comprising a recessed portion, into which the USB connection terminal is fitted, formed from a raised portion on the rear side of the first casing.

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3. (currently amended): The audio recording device according to claim 2, wherein a front end portion of the USB connection terminal is covered by a wall of the recessed portion when the second casing is in a folded and stored state.

4. (currently amended): The audio recording device according to claim 1, comprising a supporting member, which abuts the USB connection terminal, provided on the rear side of the first casing.

5. (currently amended): The audio recording device according to claim 2, comprising a supporting member, which abuts the USB connection terminal, provided on the rear side of the first casing.

6. (currently amended): The audio recording device according to claim 3, comprising a supporting member, which abuts the USB connection terminal, provided on the rear side of the first casing.

7. (currently amended): An audio recording device which is provided with a microphone, and a USB connection terminal to connect to an external device, the audio recording device comprising:

a first casing having a front side and a rear side opposite the front side, and a second casing;